

ATHLETICS NOSE OUT A VICTORY AGAINST JOHNSON

NATIONALS KEEP UP LOSING STREAK

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McBRIDE HITS BALL TIMELY

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NOTES OF THE GAME.

A foul off Hartel's bat, in the eighth, soaked "Gabby" Street on the shins, and this inning was the only time in three weeks that "Gabby" left his armour off.

Bob Ungaugh made a pretty stop of Eberfeldt's low throw in the final inning, which prevented a run.

Johnson struck out the Athletics in one, two, three order in the sixth.

It did not take but three balls to get rid of Hartel in the third, Johnson causing him to waltz the air.

One of Plank's fast ones caught Eberfeldt on the shoulder in the sixth and caused the "Kid" to say a few things to the pitcher.

Barry pulled off a pretty play on Gessler's line drive that caromed off Plank's chest and rolled to the shortstop: Doc was out by a hair.

A trio of defeats in succession. Can you beat it?

Not a single fly was knocked to the Washington outfield.

McBride got two of the Nationals' three hits.

That running pick-up and throw of Johnson's roller by Baker was a pretty fast play.

Hartel struck out the first two times at the bat and drew a base on balls the other two times up.

Oldring poked a slow roller to Ungaugh in the fourth, but Ungaugh's stop to Johnson, who covered first, caught the center fielder easily.

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Great Shortstop Most Valuable Man to Club in This Respect—Athletics Lucky—Other Gossip.

The Nationals have only one pinch hitter, and he is George McBride, easily the best fielding shortstop in the American League.

It was McBride's single yesterday which gave the Nationals two runs, and which should have won the game against the Athletics. It is safe to say that McBride has scored more runs and has been responsible for more local victories than any other member of the team this season, yet he is not a .300 hitter by any means.

Last season Joe Cantillon on several occasions sent another player in to bat for McBride. McAleer does not do things that way. On the few occasions when McAleer has substituted batters for his regular players, the change was brought about by a shift in pitchers or by request of one of the men themselves, who in the midst of a bad batting slump.

McBride will probably never finish a season in the .300 class, but he is just as valuable to the Nationals as if he was stinging the ball at a .350 clip. George comes across with hits when they are needed, which is more than can be said of others on the club.

We were beaten yesterday by our favorite score, 3 to 2, although Walter Johnson only allowed six hits, and the box score shows no black marks in the error column.

The Athletics were mighty lucky to get away with that game, and luck usually hovers over the team near the Baker's grounder in the seventh. Had Walter made a clean pick-up and thrown the ball to Street Hartel would have been caught by the shortstop.

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The Dodgers started finely in the opening session, and in the ninth looked as if they were going to pull the game out of the fire, but Tony Smith killed off Dahlgren's aspirations to win the first one by hitting into a double play with the bases full at the time, and Brooklyn but one run behind.

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Smith, 3b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0
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"Fergie" Manages to Hold Leaders Well in Hand in Tight Places. Game One of the Most Thrilling Played on White Lot This Season. Thirteen Men Left on Bases.

Post-office gave Commerce and Labor another chance for the Departmental League pennant yesterday by trouncing the Commissioners, 5 to 3. It was mainly through the fine pitching of Ferguson that the Mailmen were able to come off the field victors, but although the curly haired twirler struck out thirteen men, he gave his supporters many thrills, as the record of thirteen men left on bases will testify.

"Cap" Bacon led in batting, with three hits and a perfect percentage, for he was hit on his other trip to the rubber. Another feature was "Mooch" Fenton's catch of Harding's line drive in the third inning. There was but one out at the time, with Hurley and Hessler occupying the first two sacks, when "Pop" gave an infield out. In the third, "Mooch" started to cover second, but when he saw Harding's drive going past him he turned and by a great effort nabbed the pellet and threw to Harveycuter, completing the prettiest double play of the season.

The winners opened their half of the first with two tallies on singles by Kerr, Orrison, and Harveycuter, mixed in with an infield out. In the third, the Commissioners scored one and came within an ace of tying the score. Lay got a life when Kerr muffed his easy fly and went to second on a wild pitch. Handiboe struck out, but Hurley scored Lay with a screaming hit to left. Hessler advanced him with another to center, but Fenton butted in with his double play and the inning was over.

The Mailmen added another to their total in the fifth on Kraft's single, a fielder's choice, an infield out, and Kraft's steal of home. Two more were secured in the next stanza on Fenton's single, a fielder's choice, and an error by Morris. The losers got their last two in the eighth on three singles and a passed ball.

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